

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A composition ~~for dispersing of a particle,~~  
~~characterized in being~~ obtained by mixing a metal alkoxide containing a metal element  
having +3 to 5 valence, an organic acid and water, wherein said organic acid is at least one  
selected from the group consisting of lactic acid, oxalic acid, citric acid and tartaric acid, and  
wherein the molar ratio of said organic acid and said metal alkoxide is (0.5-4):1.

Claim 2 (Original): The composition for dispersing of a particle according to Claim  
1, which is obtained by mixing a hydrolysate derived from said metal alkoxide, and said  
organic acid, and which is a transparent aqueous solution.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The composition for dispersing of a particle  
according to Claim 1, wherein said metal element is one element selected from the group  
consisting of aluminum, titanium, niobium and tantalum.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The composition for dispersing of a particle  
according to Claim 1, wherein said metal element is aluminum or titanium.

Claim 5 (Canceled).

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The composition for dispersing of a particle according  
to Claim 1, wherein the molar ratio ~~mixing proportion~~ of said organic acid and said metal  
alkoxide ~~(organic acid : metal alkoxide)~~, is (0.5 - 2) : 1 ~~by molar ratio~~.

Claim 7 (Withdrawn): A composition for dispersing of a particle, characterized in  
that said composition is obtained by mixing a titanium alkoxide, at least one type of an  
organic acid selected from the group consisting of lactic acid, oxalic acid, citric acid and  
tartaric acid, and water; and that the mixing proportion of said titanium alkoxide and said  
organic acid (organic acid : titanium alkoxide), is (0.7 - 1.5) : 1 by molar ratio.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): A composition having a particle dispersed therein, characterized in comprising a particle and said composition for dispersing of a particle according to Claim 1.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The composition having a particle dispersed therein according to Claim 8, wherein said particle is an oxide particle.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The composition having a particle dispersed therein according to Claim 8, wherein the content of said particles is 60 % by volume or less.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The composition having a particle dispersed therein according to Claim 8, wherein pH is in the range from 2 to 11.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The composition having a particle dispersed therein according to Claim 8, which is used in an application for ceramic material, photocatalytic material, optical material or electronic material.

Claim 13 (Withdrawn): A composition having a particle dispersed therein, characterized in comprising an anatase-type titanium oxide particle and said composition for dispersing of a particle according to Claim 7.

Claim 14 (Withdrawn): A sintered compact of anatase-type titanium oxide, characterized in that the solid fraction of said composition having a particle dispersed therein according to Claim 13 is sintered.

Claim 15 (Withdrawn): The sintered compact of anatase-type titanium oxide according to Claim 14, wherein the sintering temperature is in the range from 300 to 750°C.

Claim 16 (Withdrawn): The sintered compact of anatase-type titanium oxide according to Claim 14, which is used in an application for photocatalytic material or solar cell material.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): A process for producing a composition having a particle dispersed therein, characterized in that said process comprises a mixing step for mixing said composition for dispersing of a particle according to Claim 1, a particle and a solvent, and that the amount of said composition to be mixed is adjusted depending on the isoelectric point of said particle in said mixing step.

Claim 18 (Original): The process for producing a composition having a particle dispersed therein according to Claim 17, wherein said solvent is water.